Dear Parents of Middle School Baseball Players,

I hope your year is going well and that you are looking forward to the spring!

Baseball season is around the corner and it is time to get organized for the upcoming middle school season.

In this letter I have included some dates and important information concerning middle school baseball. Included in this email is this informational letter (which includes practice times) and waiver.

We will have one team of seventh and eighth graders. We will play a combination of seventh, eighth, and mixed teams. We will have approximately 20-25 games. This will ensure that everyone gets ample opportunities to play. The game scheduling will take place later this month and a full schedule will be available at the parents meeting.

There will be a mandatory parents meeting before the first practice on Feb. 28. This meeting will take place **MONDAY**, **FEB. 28 at 6:30** in the Buckeye Central cafeteria. You can turn in waivers and fee payment at that time. **NO PLAYER CAN PRACTICE WITHOUT A WAIVER COMPLETED AND FEE TURNED IN**. This is a mandatory meeting for parents; we want to answer all questions at this time. If you cannot attend please contact coach Don Fishpaw at 419-561-0864.

Because middle school baseball is a club sport and not supported by the school in any way, it is completely self-funded. There are two ways to help fund the team:

- •Pay a \$60 fee, which pays for a hat, undershirt, socks, and helps with umpire fees.
- •Participate in the Baseball Program Fundraiser. If you participate in the fundraiser, you can limit or eliminate your own out of pocket expense. Information was sent home in November. If you lost this information please see our website <a href="www.buckeyecentralbaseball.com">www.buckeyecentralbaseball.com</a> and click the Middle School Info tab.

Please note that your \$60 fee (direct payment or fundraising money and forms) MUST be paid before your child can practice on Feb. 28.

Practices will begin in the high school and/or auxiliary gym Feb. 28 and will be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-8:30. Times could be adjusted due to high school boys and girls basketball tournament games. Once the weather clears, practices will be at the middle school baseball field in the park (old HS field). Exact dates and times for outside practice will be assigned by Coach Fishpaw. The first game will be scheduled during the week of March 28.

A reminder that there will be no busing to away games because this team is not funded by the school. The coaches will make carpooling arrangements. Please help in carpooling in every way possible.



Without your support, middle school baseball would not happen. I want to thank all of you in advance for your help and support of this team! With your help, middle school spring baseball is now in its 11th year!

If possible, please send your \$60 payment (fundraiser payment or fee payment) and waiver to me ASAP. You can email your form to <a href="mailto:cjensen@bcbucks.org">cjensen@bcbucks.org</a> or you can mail your form and/or payment to the following address:

Buckeye Central High School ATTN: Chad Jensen 938 S. Kibler St. New Washington, OH 44854

Checks should be made out to **Buckeye Central Athletic Boosters.** Please put **baseball** in the memo.

If you have ANY questions, please contact me by email <u>cjensen@bcbucks.org</u> or cell phone 419-544-6022 (text or call).

You can also contact middle school coach Don Fishpaw by email donfishpaw@gmail.com or cell phone 419-561-0864 (text or call).

All necessary forms, including waivers and fundraising forms, are available on our website. Check out our website <a href="www.buckeyecentralbaseball.com">www.buckeyecentralbaseball.com</a> for schedules, announcements, and a whole lot of other stuff concerning Buckeye Central Baseball! For the most up to date information you can also follow us on Twitter @bcbucksbaseball or Facebook/Buckeye Central Baseball.

See you on Feb 28!

Sincerely,

## Chad Jensen

Chad Jensen Head Baseball Coach Buckeye Central High School